

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Harry Richard CLARINGBURN	Attorney Docket No.: P/62314
Application No.: 10/500,675	Group Art Unit:
Filed: April 5, 2005	Examiner:
Title: DISPERSION COMPENSATION IN OPTICAL COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS	

Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Dear Sir:

This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted:

- ☒ under 37 CFR 1.97(b), or
(Within three months of filing national application; or date of entry of international application; or before mailing date of first office action on the merits; whichever occurs last)
- ☐ under 37 CFR 1.97(c) together with either a:
 - ☐ Statement under 37 CFR 1.97(e), or
 - ☐ a \$180.00 fee under 37 CFR 1.17(p), or
(After the CFR 1.97(b) time period, but before final action or notice of allowance, whichever occurs first)
- ☐ under 37 CFR 1.97(d) together with a:
 - ☐ Statement under 37 CFR 1.97(e), and
 - ☐ a \$180.00 fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(p).
(Filed after final action or notice of allowance, whichever occurs first, but before payment of the issue fee)

☒ Applicant(s) submit herewith Form PTO 1449-Information Disclosure Citation together with copies, of patents, publications or other information of which applicant(s) are aware, which applicant(s) believe(s) may be material to the examination of this application and for which there may be a duty to disclose in accordance with 37 CFR 1.56.

The relevance of the attached references is that this is the closest art of which Applicant is aware.

Applicant submits that the above references taken alone or in combination neither anticipate nor render obvious the present invention. Consideration of the foregoing in relation to this application is respectfully requested.

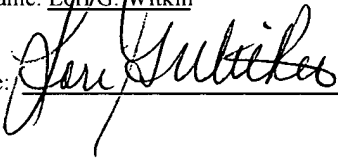
It is requested that the information disclosed herein be made of record in this application.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as Express Mail No. **EV 667 160 938** US in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P. O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on:

Date of Deposit: April 5, 2005

Typed Name: Lori G. Witkin

Signature: _____



Respectfully submitted,



Alan Israel
Attorney/Agent for Applicant(s)
Reg. No. 27564

Date: April 5, 2005

Telephone No.: 212-697-3750

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

Examiner Signature		Date Considered	
-----------------------	--	--------------------	--

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 2.0 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.